UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P)

DATE: 6/5/75

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: DALLAS

On 5/30/75, SAC WILLIAM A. BRANIGAN at FBI HQ telephonically advised SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN as follows:

An article has been printed in the "Washington Star" that back in 1964, BILL ALEXANDER, Assistant Dallas County District Attorney was convinced that the FBI was taping his telephone though Agents denied this to his face. In order to find out, ALEXANDER supposedly arranged with two journalist friends to spring a story so wild it would bring the FBI running if, indeed, they were listening in to telephone conversations. The three men arranged a conference call from ALEXANDER to the newspaper offices of "The Dallas Morning News" and "The Houston Post". According to Mr. BRANIGAN, this article reflected that as the conversation wandered on, ALEXANDER asked the two journalists "Do you remember what OSWALD'S payroll number was?" The man at "The Houston Post" said, "I think it was S-172." But ALEXANDER said, "No, I think it was S-179." The article indicates that sure enough, within one half hour, FBI Agents had shown up at all three men's desks, flashing their identification and asking what they knew about a Government payroll number for LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The number, of course, had been picked out of the air to produce just the reaction it did.

Mr. BRANIGAN reflected that we do a file review and make available to him pertinent information relating to the allegations made about OSWALD being an informant of

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the FBI.

On June 2, 1975, the following references were cited to Mr. BRANIGAN for his review:

100-10461-3196, Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 2/7/64.

100-10461-3200, report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 2/11/64 at Dallas, Texas, Cover Pages G through K.

100-10461-4100, report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 3/10/64 at Dallas, Cover Pages H through T.

The above is being made a matter of record in the event additional inquiries are received.